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Projects Review Committee

6 September 1951

Comptroller

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1. The subject project is proposed in the amount of \$500,000 for fiscal year 1952. It represents a continuation of project No. ORR-90-51, approved by the PRC on 3 May 1951 in the amount of \$100,000 for the last quarter of fiscal year 1951.

2. Attached to the memorandum from the AD/RR to the PRC is a statement providing a brief description of each of the proposed projects to be undertaken, including a statement from the Office of Scientific Intelligence on Machine Indexing and a tabular statement indicating the estimated cost of each. This is summarized as follows:

25X1A2g	a.		\$90,501
	b.	Russian Survey	166,351
	c.	Defector Study	40,612
25X1A2g	d.	Studies in International Communism	26,312
	e.		51,991
	f.	Machine Indexing	75,000
	g.	Executive and Central Steering Group	40,622
	h.	Document Control Room	8,611
		Total	<u>500,000</u>

3. The proposed estimate of \$500,000 is also reflected in the attachments by objectives of expenditure as follows:

a.	Personal Services	\$319,045
b.	Travel	45,000
c.	Materials and Services	30,000
d.	Other Direct Charges	15,345
e.	Overhead	90,610
	Total	<u>500,000</u>

4. It is noted that the breakdown of expenditures provides for consultants at rates ranging from \$50 to \$100 a day. No indication is given, however, as to the basis upon which the payment of the maximum would be necessary.

5. No specific provision was made for this project in the 1952 budget estimates. It will, therefore, be necessary to finance the project through the allocation of funds from the 1952 budget estimates for the operating offices of CIA post

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directly concerned with the proposed projects. As the information submitted does not provide a basis for ascertaining a breakdown of the costs on this basis, it will be necessary, if the project is approved, to assess the costs based on an analysis of office responsibilities for each project involved.

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Attachments (4)

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